

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a restriction between the invention of Claims 1 – 2 (drawn to a method) and the invention of Claims 3 – 8 (drawn to an apparatus). Applicant repeats the election, without traverse, of the invention of Claims 3 – 8. Claims 1 – 2 are hereby canceled.

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure because it is too long. The amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure as presented herein are deemed to overcome this objection.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 3 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Japanese Pub. No. 2000-258316. Applicant has cancelled Claims 3 and 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

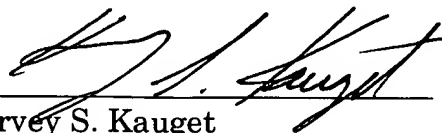
The Examiner has rejected Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Pub. No. 2000-258316 in view of De Stasio (U.S. Pat. No. 4,365,784). Applicant has cancelled Claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Examiner has stated that Claims 6-8 are allowed. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance be issued with respect to Claims 6-8.

Related prior art made of record is duly noted. This art is not believed to impact the patentability of any claim presented herein.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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